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Harold L. Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I thank you very much for your letter of 8-13-94.

In the reading of your books, as well as other literature, I have never come across a statement that I recall concerning whether or not there was rifle gunshot residue in the barrell of the Mannlicher-Carcano allegedly used by Oswald. Did the Dallas police, Secret Service or F.B.I. ever verify that rifle shot residue was in the barrell after the alleged firing?

I have purchased the volumes of the HSCA investigation and I am preparing to read them. What are your comments about the results of that investigation?

How far do you live from Washington, D.C.?

I am enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your response and I am going to personally check it to make sure that it is enclosed.

Warmest regards,


James P. Johnston

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